Helicopters of Helicopter Corporation of India

4917. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of helicopters with the Helicopter Corporation of India as on the 31st March, 1994;

(b) what is the number of helicopters in operation and the number of those which are lying idle; and

(c) what are the names of persons and institutions to whom helicopters were given on hire during the period 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The number of helicopters with Pawan Hans as on 31st March, 1994 was 42, comprising 23 (including 3 on lease) operational helicopters and 19 grounded Westland helicopters.

(b) Of the total operational fleet of 23 helicopters, 19 are deployed on long term basis and the remaining 4 are on scheduled inspections/maintenance.

(c) The parties to whom helicopters were given on hire during 1993-94 are listed in Statement.

Statement

Name of Persons and Institutions to whom Helicopters were given on Hire during the period 1993-94

Long term charters

Oil & Natural Gas Commission (ONGC).

National Thermal Power Corporation of India (NTPC),

Punjab Government.

Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Union Territory Administration of Lakshadweep.

Short term charters

Delhi Gulf Airways.

Ballarpur Ind.

Pashupati Acrylon Ltd.

Nanda Tourism Corpn.

Indian Railways.

Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Mahesh Pathak (Member, AICC).

Coca Cola India.

Infrakino Films Prod. (P) Ltd.

Esam Aviation.

Southern Railways.

Coal India Ltd.

C.N.N.

Essel World.

Mark Industries.

Relief Package for the Tourism Sector in Jammu and Kashmir

4918. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir Government has recently requested the Centre to announce a relief package for the tourism sector in that state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has requested to provide some financial package for tourism industry and persons connected with tourism related activities in the Valley.

(c) The issues are under consideration.

Allocation of Funds for Kargil Airport Project

4919. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to allocate adequate funds for the Kargil airport project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The airport

at Kargil belongs to Ministry of Defence. National Airports Authority has no plan, at present, to upgrade this airport due to paucity of resources and lack of demand from air operators.

New Aviation Agreement between German and India

4920. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Germany is very keen to sign a new bilateral aviation agreement with India soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Air Services agreement between India and Germany was signed on 31-5-1963. The German Government has requested for an increase in the capacity entitlements of Lufthansa for operating to/from India, which is under negotiation between the two Governments.

Losses in ITDC hotels in four metro cities

4921. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of ITDC hotels/five star hotels of four metro cities which are running into heavy losses, despite subsidies provided by Government during 1991-92 and 1992-93, till date;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to save the loss running hotels of ITDC;

(c) whether the standard of the ITDC hotels including the five star hotels in four metro cities of the country, are getting very low day by day; and

(d) if so, what factors are responsible for such condition and the effective measures taken/likely to be taken by Government to raise the standards/quality of the ITDC hotels in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Necessary information is given in the Statement (*See* below)

(b) The steps being envisaged by ITDC management to improve the performance of hotels include aggressive marketing efforts, development of human resource by imparting training at all levels, introduction of special tariff/packages, operational cost reduction etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Profitability of ITDC hotels in Metro Cities of Delhi and Calcutta during the last 3 years etc.

(Rs. in laks)
(Prov.)

S. No.	Name of the Hotel	Star Category	NET PROFIT/LOSS		
			1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta	5	(—) 4.05	(—) 16.18	(—) 75 59
2.	Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	Deluxe 5	(—) 87.90	(—) 11.33	236.90
3.	Qutab Hotel, New Delhi . .	5	(—) 4 58	(—) 2.65	50 95
4.	Samrat Hotel, New Delhi . .	5	(—)224.89	(—)98 80	(—)36 85
5.	Janpath Hotel, New Delhi . .	4	(—) 77 61	(—)31 92	90 70
6.	Kanishka Hotel, New Delhi .	4	(—) 63 38	85 87	234.75
7.	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi . .	3	(—)38.11	(—) 21 33	50.35
8.	Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi . .	3	(—)82 88	(—) 115 95	(—)97 90
9.	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi .	Economy	43 78	(—) 60.87	(—)40.75

Note :

(1) ITDC does not own any hotel in metro cities of Bombay and Madras.

(2) No subsidy has been given to ITDC during the last 3 years.